

Economic Summary

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New occupational wage information for jobs in the transportation, communications, public utilities, wholesale and retail trade industries is now available from Labor and Economic Research. Call for more information.

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Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force in West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data (In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)	<i>Prelim. Mar. '92</i>	<i>Revised Feb. '92</i>	<i>Revised Mar. '91</i>	<i>Change from:</i>	
				<i>Feb. 1992</i>	<i>Mar. 1991</i>
Civilian Labor Force	735.2	729.6	727.0	5.6	8.2
Total Employment	670.4	665.2	668.3	5.2	2.1
Total Unemployment	64.8	64.4	58.7	0.4	6.1
Unemployment Rate	8.8	8.8	8.1	xx	xx
 BLS Series Labor Force Data (In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
Civilian Labor Force	781.0	782.5	770.3	-1.5	10.7
Total Employment	680.3	677.9	687.0	2.4	-6.7
Total Unemployment	100.8	104.6	83.4	-3.8	17.4
Unemployment Rate	12.9	13.4	10.8	xx	xx

Employment: Total statewide resident-based employment increased by 5,200, to a level of 670,400 persons during March 1992. Comparison with year-ago March 1991 employment data indicates an increase of 2,100 employed.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased by 4,000 statewide during March. Seasonal job gains in state education (+1,600), educational services (+700), retail trade (+700), construction (+700) and agricultural services (+300) were primarily responsible for the monthly advance. Total goods-producing sector employment registered only a slight increase (+100) over the month, as the seasonal advance in contract construction (+700) was offset by job declines in manufacturing (-400) and mining (-200).

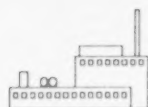
In the service-producing sector, jobs increased by 3,900 overall. The large seasonal advance in state government (+1,800) contributed to

approximately half of the monthly increase in the service-producing sector, as student workers returned to state colleges and universities for the Spring semester. Services (+1,000) and trade (+800) also recorded seasonal gains during March 1992. Transportation and public utilities increased only slightly (+100) while finance, insurance and real estate remained unchanged.

Unemployment: The total number of statewide unemployed increased by 400 persons during the month, leaving the unemployment rate unchanged at 8.8 percent. The current level of 64,800 is 6,100 higher than March 1991, when the rate was 8.1 percent. Much of the increase in unemployment results from the effects of the national recession.



West Virginia Economic Indicators



Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing

	Mar. 1992	Feb. 1992	Mar. 1991
Unadjusted	40.6	40.6	40.4
Seasonally Adjusted	40.7	39.8	40.5
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,515	2,529	2,545
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	\$484.36	\$486.79	\$463.79



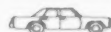
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted

	43.0	45.2	43.9
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	\$783.46	\$823.54	\$804.25
Coal Production (000 Tons) Unadjusted	14,585	13,358	14,281
Seasonally Adjusted	14,148	14,565	13,853



Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)

	1,168	1,152	1,103
Unadjusted	1,071	1,166	1,025
Seasonally Adjusted			



New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted

	4,526	5,003	5,874
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Interstate Initial Claims

	1,242	1,296	1,139
Unadjusted	1,360	1,204	1,248
Seasonally Adjusted			



Average Weekly Initial Claims

	1,841	2,307	1,777
Unadjusted	2,058	2,024	1,986
Seasonally Adjusted			

Insured Unemployment Rate

	4.9	4.8	5.4
Unadjusted	3.8	3.3	4.2
Seasonally Adjusted			

Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted

	7.7	7.3	7.1
WV Series	12.6	12.5	10.5
BLS Series			

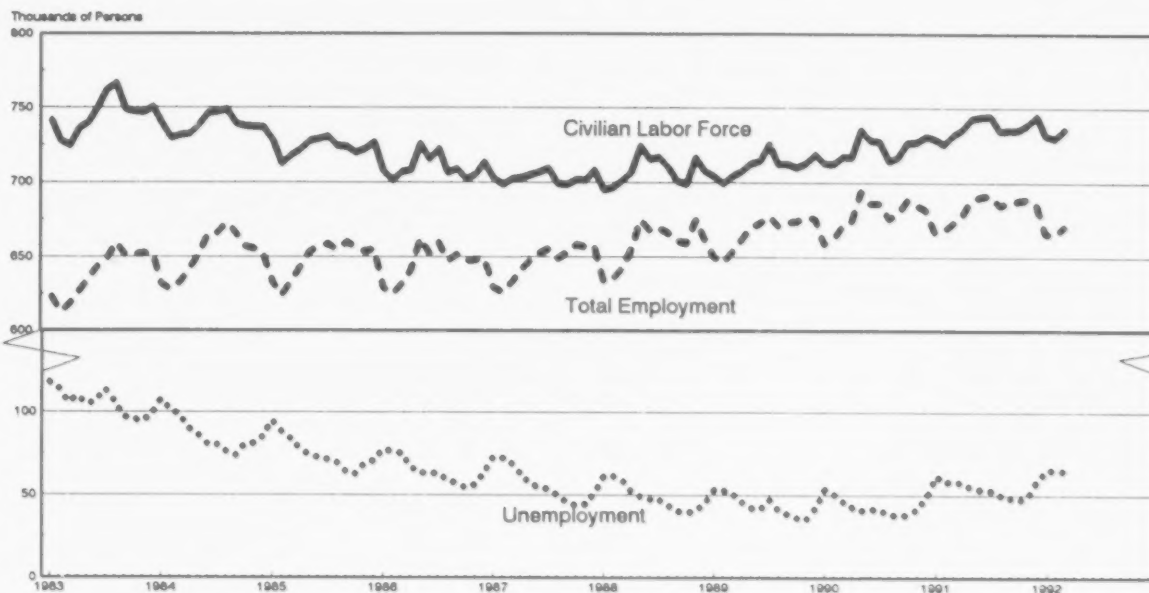


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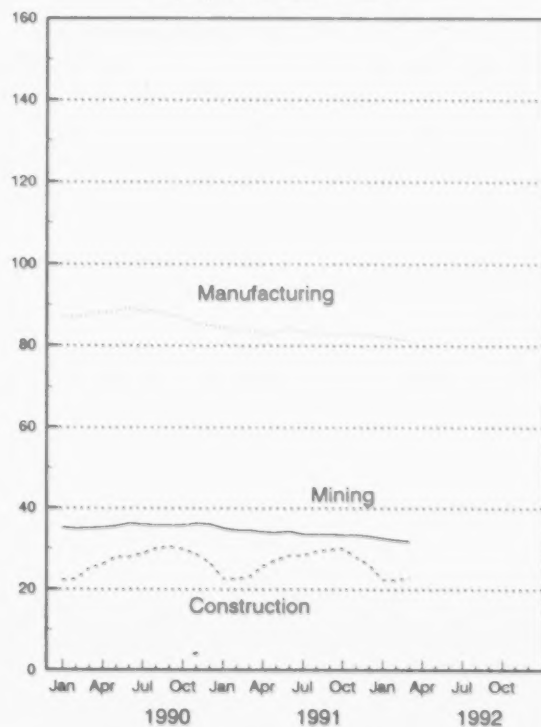
	Mar. 1992	Feb. 1992	Mar. 1991
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	7.7	8.1	7.1
Seasonally Adjusted	7.3	7.3	6.7
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	139.3	138.6	135.0
1967 Base	417.2	415.2	404.3
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	122.0	121.9	120.9
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000)			
Week including 12th, Unadjusted	416.8	470.6	471.0
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	3.7	3.8	4.0
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.1	3.3
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	\$362.21	\$360.13	\$348.16
Average Weekly Hours	34.3	34.2	34.0
Average Hourly Earnings	\$10.56	\$10.53	\$10.24

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

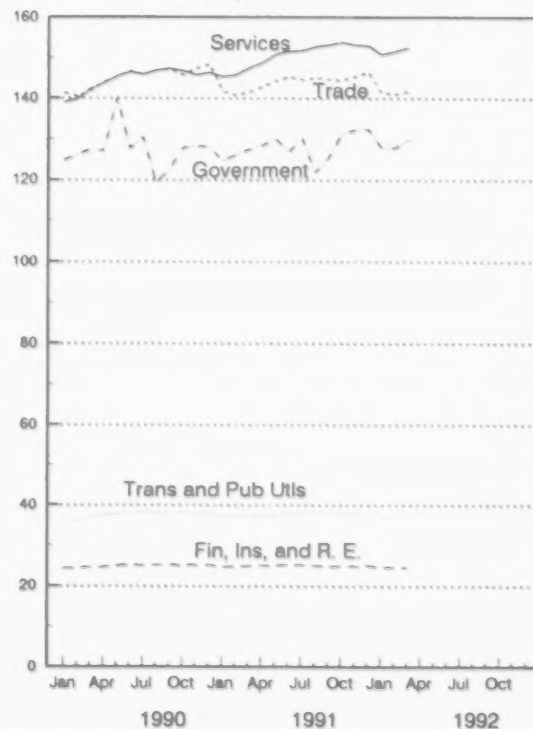
Total Employment, Unemployment and Civilian Labor Force



Goods Producing Employment Employment in Thousands



Service Producing Employment Employment in Thousands



Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar.'92	Revised Feb.'92	Revised Mar.'91	Change From: Feb. 1992	Mar. 1991
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	622.1	618.1	620.1	4.0	2.0
PRIVATE SECTOR	492.3	490.3	492.8	2.0	-0.5
GOODS-PRODUCING	136.0	135.9	141.5	0.1	-5.5
Mining	31.8	32.0	34.4	-0.2	-2.6
Coal Mining	26.8	26.9	29.1	-0.1	-2.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.0	4.2	4.4	-0.2	-0.4
Other Mining	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.1
Construction	22.9	22.2	23.1	0.7	-0.2
General Building Contractors	6.0	5.8	6.0	0.2	0.0
Heavy Construction	5.9	5.7	6.4	0.2	-0.5
Special Trade Contractors	11.0	10.7	10.7	0.3	0.3
Manufacturing	81.3	81.7	84.0	-0.4	-2.7
Durable Goods	44.7	44.8	46.7	-0.1	-2.0
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.8	7.7	7.4	0.1	0.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.9	7.0	7.3	-0.1	-0.4
Primary Metals Industries	12.9	13.1	13.8	-0.2	-0.9
Fabricated Metal Products	5.5	5.5	5.4	0.0	0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.8	4.8	5.9	0.0	-1.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.5	2.6	2.5	-0.1	0.0
Transportation Equipment	2.0	1.8	2.1	0.2	-0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	36.6	36.9	37.3	-0.3	-0.7
Food & Kindred Products	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.9	4.0	4.1	-0.1	-0.2
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.1	0.0
Printing & Publishing	5.1	5.1	5.2	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	16.7	16.9	17.4	-0.2	-0.7
Other Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.9	4.6	-0.1	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	486.1	482.2	478.6	3.9	7.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.2	37.1	37.3	0.1	-0.1
Railroad Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.8	0.0	-0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	9.7	9.7	9.8	0.0	-0.1
Other Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.3	0.0	0.2
Communications	8.2	8.1	8.1	0.1	0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.2	12.2	12.3	0.0	-0.1
Trade	141.8	141.0	141.6	0.8	0.2
Wholesale Trade	29.8	29.7	30.2	0.1	-0.4
Retail Trade	112.0	111.3	111.4	0.7	0.6
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	4.6	4.5	4.5	0.1	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	16.4	16.2	15.3	0.2	1.1
Food Stores	22.0	22.1	22.0	.1	0.0
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.3	14.3	14.1	0.0	0.2
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.6	4.6	5.8	0.0	-1.2
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	33.8	33.2	33.7	0.6	0.1
Miscellaneous Retail	12.1	12.2	11.8	-0.1	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.7	24.7	24.9	0.0	-0.2
Finance	13.9	14.0	14.0	-0.1	-0.1
Insurance	6.8	6.7	7.0	0.1	-0.2
Real Estate	4.0	4.0	3.9	0.0	0.1
Services	152.6	151.6	147.5	1.0	5.1
Agricultural Services	2.3	2.0	2.1	0.3	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	7.9	8.1	7.8	-0.2	0.1
Personal Services	6.6	6.5	6.7	0.1	-0.1
Business Services	14.0	14.0	13.9	0.0	0.1
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.7	5.7	5.6	0.0	0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	4.9	4.8	4.9	0.1	0.0
Health Services	59.1	59.1	56.5	0.0	2.6
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.8	10.9	10.4	-0.1	0.4
Hospitals	29.6	29.6	28.3	0.0	1.3
Other Health Services	18.7	18.6	17.8	0.1	0.9
Legal Services	4.2	4.2	4.0	0.0	0.2
Educational Services	6.6	5.9	6.0	0.7	0.6
Social Services	12.9	12.9	12.0	0.0	0.9
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.6	19.6	0.0	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	7.9	7.9	7.5	0.0	0.4
Government	129.8	127.8	127.3	2.0	2.5
Federal	17.0	16.9	16.3	0.1	0.7
Hospitals	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.0	0.2
U S Postal Service	5.1	5.1	4.9	0.0	0.2
Other Federal	8.7	8.6	8.4	0.1	0.3
State	41.5	39.7	40.1	1.8	1.4
Hospitals	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1
Education	19.6	18.0	19.1	1.6	0.5
Other State	19.4	19.2	18.6	0.2	0.8
Local	71.3	71.2	70.9	0.1	0.4
Hospitals	5.0	5.0	4.9	0.0	0.1
Education	45.5	45.4	45.9	0.1	-0.4
Other Local	20.8	20.8	20.1	0.0	0.7
Labor-Management Dispute Status	1.8	1.8	1.9	xx	xx



Women Workers **Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry**

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	Revised Feb. '92	Revised Mar. '91	Change From:	
				Feb. 1992	Mar. 1991
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	282.3	282.4	276.1	-0.1	6.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	213.5	214.2	208.6	-0.7	4.9
GOODS-PRODUCING	22.9	23.4	23.9	-0.5	-1.0
Mining	1.9	2.0	2.0	-0.1	-0.1
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.7	0.8	0.8	-0.1	-0.1
Construction	2.2	2.0	2.1	0.2	0.1
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	18.8	19.4	19.8	-0.6	-1.0
Durable Goods	6.9	7.4	7.6	-0.5	-0.7
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.7	0.8	0.8	-0.1	-0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.0	2.1	2.2	-0.1	-0.2
Primary Metals Industries	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.5	0.6	0.8	-0.1	-0.3
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.8	0.9	0.8	-0.1	0.0
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.4	0.3	-0.1	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	11.9	12.0	12.2	-0.1	-0.3
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.4	3.4	3.5	0.0	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	2.8	2.9	3.0	-0.1	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	259.4	259.0	252.2	0.4	7.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.2	8.2	7.9	0.0	0.3
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Communications	3.9	3.8	3.6	0.1	0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Trade	67.1	67.6	65.5	-0.5	1.6
Wholesale Trade	6.2	6.2	5.7	0.0	0.5
Retail Trade	60.9	61.4	59.8	-0.5	1.1
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.6	11.5	10.3	0.1	1.3
Food Stores	11.6	11.7	11.4	-0.1	0.2
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.6	3.6	3.4	0.0	0.2
Apparel & Accessory Stores	3.9	3.9	4.8	0.0	-0.9
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.4	1.5	1.5	-0.1	-0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	19.8	20.1	19.4	-0.3	0.4
Miscellaneous Retail	8.1	8.2	8.2	-0.1	-0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.5	15.6	15.5	-0.1	0.0
Finance	10.9	11.0	10.9	-0.1	0.0
Insurance	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
Real Estate	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	-0.1
Services	99.8	99.4	95.8	0.4	4.0
Agricultural Services	0.9	1.0	0.8	-0.1	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Personal Services	4.4	4.2	4.3	0.2	0.1
Business Services	7.2	7.3	6.8	-0.1	0.4
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
Health Services	48.5	48.6	46.6	-0.1	1.9
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.8	9.8	9.3	0.0	0.5
Hospitals	24.3	24.4	23.4	-0.1	0.9
Other Health Services	14.4	14.4	13.9	0.0	0.5
Legal Services	3.4	3.4	3.2	0.0	0.2
Educational Services	3.5	2.9	3.4	0.6	0.1
Social Services	9.3	9.3	8.8	0.0	0.5
Membership Organizations	11.6	11.8	11.4	-0.2	0.2
Engineering & Management Services	2.9	2.8	2.6	0.1	0.3
Government	68.8	68.2	67.5	0.6	1.3
Federal	7.3	7.3	7.1	0.0	0.2
Hospitals	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0
State	20.4	19.7	19.6	0.7	0.8
Hospitals	1.7	1.8	1.7	-0.1	0.0
Education	10.7	10.0	10.0	0.7	0.7
Other State	8.0	7.9	7.9	0.1	0.1
Local	41.1	41.2	40.8	-0.1	0.3
Hospitals	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Education	29.6	29.6	29.8	0.0	-0.2
Other Local	7.3	7.4	6.9	-0.1	0.4

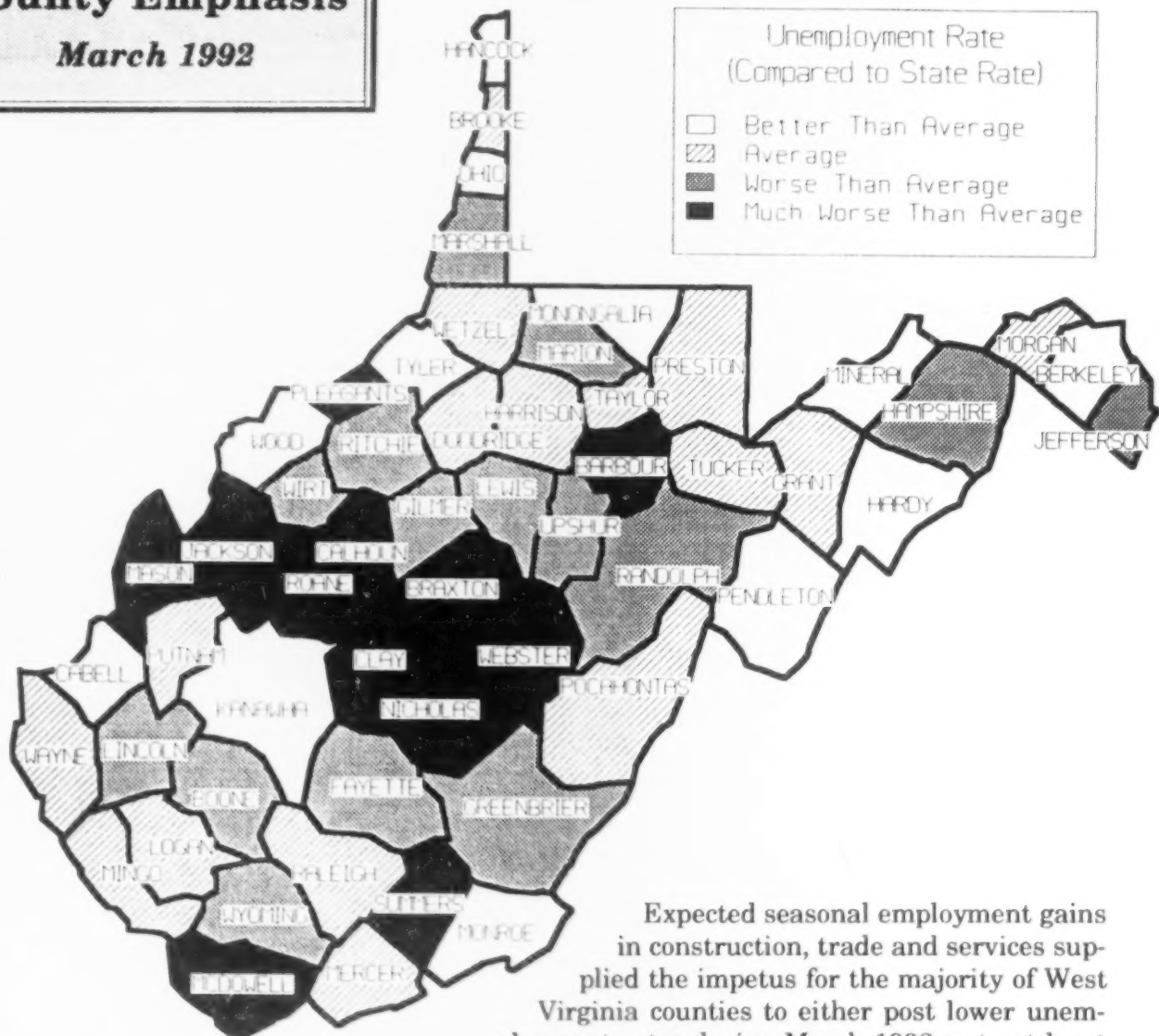
Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar.'92	Feb.'92	Mar.'91	Mar.'92	Feb.'92	Mar.'91	Mar.'92	Feb.'92	Mar.'91
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	\$355.87	\$362.71	\$351.73	35.2	35.7	35.6	\$10.11	\$10.16	\$9.88
Mining	740.88	776.70	756.88	42.9	45.0	43.7	17.27	17.26	17.32
Coal Mining	783.46	823.54	804.25	43.0	45.2	43.9	18.22	18.22	18.32
Oil & Gas Extraction	486.03	515.81	448.59	42.3	44.2	42.2	11.49	11.67	10.63
Other Mining	449.20	452.12	478.07	42.7	43.1	43.9	10.52	10.49	10.89
Construction	491.30	524.54	516.87	34.0	36.3	37.4	14.45	14.45	13.82
Manufacturing	484.36	486.79	463.79	40.6	40.6	40.4	11.93	11.99	11.48
Durable Goods	491.52	497.63	469.34	41.2	41.4	40.6	11.93	12.02	11.56
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	311.85	312.48	287.28	40.5	40.9	39.9	7.70	7.64	7.20
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	421.50	467.02	435.05	37.5	40.4	38.5	11.24	11.56	11.30
Primary Metals Industries	661.41	658.76	616.50	43.6	43.0	42.4	15.17	15.32	14.54
Fabricated Metal Products	459.61	450.41	419.33	41.0	39.2	38.4	11.21	11.49	10.92
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	504.64	520.94	468.69	41.5	42.7	40.3	12.16	12.20	11.63
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	609.27	582.99	559.01	45.4	43.9	43.2	13.42	13.28	12.94
Transportation Equipment	514.94	499.05	525.56	43.2	42.8	45.9	11.92	11.66	11.45
Nondurable Goods	473.62	470.83	455.20	39.7	39.4	40.0	11.93	11.95	11.38
Food & Kindred Products	371.33	365.38	357.75	38.6	38.1	37.5	9.62	9.59	9.54
Textile Mill Products	265.18	261.32	246.83	38.1	38.6	37.8	6.96	6.77	6.53
Apparel & Other Textile Products	216.38	217.70	208.36	37.5	37.6	35.8	5.77	5.79	5.82
Paper & Allied Products	353.43	386.57	294.11	40.3	43.0	40.4	8.77	8.99	7.28
Printing & Publishing	311.23	304.65	332.84	32.9	31.9	36.1	9.46	9.55	9.22
Chemicals & Allied Products	745.27	745.13	688.16	44.6	44.3	44.0	16.71	16.82	15.64
Transportation & Public Utilities	500.49	501.84	506.35	40.2	41.0	41.2	12.45	12.24	12.29
Trucking & Warehousing	394.90	406.85	418.77	42.1	43.7	42.3	9.38	9.31	9.90
Communications	509.70	496.55	531.60	36.2	36.7	40.0	14.08	13.53	13.29
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	652.41	652.97	623.92	42.2	42.1	42.1	15.46	15.51	14.82
Trade	237.88	238.77	228.49	31.3	31.5	31.3	7.60	7.58	7.30
Wholesale Trade	462.35	467.98	433.88	40.1	40.8	40.1	11.53	11.47	10.82
Retail Trade	181.58	181.33	175.45	29.1	29.2	29.0	6.24	6.21	6.05
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	258.55	257.76	253.49	37.8	38.3	39.3	6.84	6.73	6.45
General Merchandise Stores	190.28	184.76	185.46	29.5	28.6	28.1	6.45	6.46	6.60
Food Stores	183.54	184.21	175.42	27.6	27.7	27.8	6.65	6.65	6.31
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	266.74	266.06	271.18	35.9	36.1	36.4	7.43	7.37	7.45
Apparel & Accessory Stores	152.90	133.89	137.19	27.5	26.1	26.9	5.56	5.13	5.10
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	290.47	291.07	280.84	36.4	37.9	34.8	7.98	7.68	8.07
Eating & Drinking Places	124.90	125.18	116.99	25.7	25.6	25.6	4.86	4.89	4.57
Miscellaneous Retail	186.18	191.27	182.09	29.0	30.8	29.9	6.42	6.21	6.09
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	316.57	318.65	308.67	37.2	37.4	36.4	8.51	8.52	8.48
Finance	268.58	270.10	252.41	37.2	37.0	35.5	7.22	7.30	7.11
Insurance	454.96	446.22	449.26	38.2	38.5	38.3	11.91	11.59	11.73
Real Estate	285.33	305.25	309.32	35.8	37.0	37.0	7.97	8.25	8.36
Services	288.47	292.40	275.40	33.7	34.0	34.0	8.56	8.60	8.10
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	236.02	228.96	247.05	29.8	28.8	30.5	7.92	7.95	8.10
Personal Services	220.29	229.44	206.70	32.3	33.3	33.5	6.82	6.89	6.17
Business Services	229.72	235.11	234.50	32.4	32.7	33.5	7.09	7.19	7.00
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	328.49	354.09	335.29	38.6	40.7	39.4	8.51	8.70	8.51
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	171.25	160.25	159.80	26.8	25.0	26.5	6.39	6.41	6.03
Health Services	333.78	334.06	310.00	36.8	37.2	36.6	9.07	8.98	8.47
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	195.64	196.65	189.54	33.5	33.5	34.4	5.84	5.87	5.51
Hospitals	397.95	399.60	369.08	38.9	39.1	37.7	10.23	10.22	9.79
Other Health Services	306.94	305.05	282.60	35.2	36.1	36.0	8.72	8.45	7.85
Legal Services	421.09	433.94	389.30	37.8	38.3	36.9	11.14	11.33	10.55
Social Services	203.07	202.34	183.91	30.4	30.2	30.6	6.68	6.70	6.01
Engineering & Management Services	475.60	510.06	409.19	39.6	41.2	38.1	12.01	12.38	10.74

The above figures represent the hours and earnings of more than 400,000 private sector production and nonsupervisory workers in West Virginia. Comparable totals for the United States appear at the bottom of page 3. Additional industry detail for the United States and for other states is available upon request.

County Emphasis

March 1992



Expected seasonal employment gains in construction, trade and services supplied the impetus for the majority of West Virginia counties to either post lower unemployment rates during March 1992 or to at least maintain their previous rate. Moderate gains in retail sales and an increase in housing permits have provided positive indications for the state and county economies and are perhaps the early signs of state and national recovery. A number of counties continue to post unemployment rates considered much worse than average, however. Included in this group are Calhoun (19.0), Roane (17.5), Barbour (17.3), Braxton (16.5), Clay (16.4), Nicholas (14.3), Webster (14.0), Mason (13.3), Summers (13.2), Jackson (13.0), Pleasants (13.0), and McDowell (12.9).

The employment picture compared to a year ago is also a positive reflection with the number of jobs on the rise. Several counties have been able to throw off the effects of a weak national economy and register unemployment rates considered better than average. Counties within this group include Berkeley (7.7), Wood (7.6), Hancock (7.5), Cabell (7.4), Monroe (7.3), Tyler (7.1), Mineral (6.6), Kanawha (6.4), Ohio (5.9), Hardy (5.6), Pendleton (5.0), and Monongalia (4.2).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

March 1992

(Revised February 1992 in parentheses)

These Labor Force Statistics Were Designed To Be Used For Economic Analysis

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,320	(4,360)	3,570	(3,600)	750	(760)	17.3	(17.5)
Berkeley	29,890	(29,910)	27,590	(27,470)	2,290	(2,440)	7.7	(8.1)
Boone	8,410	(8,410)	7,500	(7,520)	910	(890)	10.8	(10.6)
Braxton	5,200	(5,150)	4,340	(4,280)	860	(870)	16.5	(16.9)
Brooke	9,740	(9,400)	8,880	(8,710)	860	(690)	8.8	(7.3)
Cabell	43,100	(42,880)	39,910	(39,600)	3,190	(3,280)	7.4	(7.7)
Calhoun	2,820	(2,860)	2,280	(2,290)	540	(570)	19.0	(19.9)
Clay	3,150	(3,110)	2,630	(2,650)	520	(470)	16.4	(14.9)
Doddridge	2,440	(2,370)	2,200	(2,180)	240	(190)	9.8	(7.9)
Fayette	17,170	(16,930)	15,270	(15,070)	1,900	(1,870)	11.1	(11.0)
Gilmer	2,950	(2,890)	2,650	(2,570)	290	(320)	10.0	(11.0)
Grant	4,600	(4,620)	4,190	(4,170)	410	(450)	8.9	(9.8)
Greenbrier	14,980	(15,010)	13,300	(13,290)	1,680	(1,720)	11.2	(11.5)
Hampshire	6,830	(6,830)	6,020	(6,020)	810	(810)	11.9	(11.8)
Hancock	12,850	(12,610)	11,890	(11,670)	960	(940)	7.5	(7.5)
Hardy	5,620	(5,640)	5,310	(5,290)	320	(350)	5.6	(6.2)
Harrison	29,570	(29,270)	26,950	(26,740)	2,620	(2,530)	8.9	(8.6)
Jackson	9,740	(9,420)	8,480	(8,280)	1,260	(1,150)	13.0	(12.1)
Jefferson	17,510	(17,220)	15,760	(15,440)	1,760	(1,780)	10.0	(10.3)
Kanawha	97,140	(96,070)	90,960	(90,020)	6,180	(6,050)	6.4	(6.3)
Lewis	7,290	(7,310)	6,460	(6,480)	830	(830)	11.4	(11.4)
Lincoln	7,600	(7,650)	6,660	(6,680)	940	(970)	12.4	(12.7)
Logan	12,940	(12,960)	11,690	(11,650)	1,260	(1,310)	9.7	(10.1)
McDowell	6,510	(6,560)	5,670	(5,650)	840	(910)	12.9	(13.9)
Marion	22,220	(21,920)	19,750	(19,460)	2,470	(2,470)	11.1	(11.2)
Marshall	14,430	(14,690)	12,910	(12,850)	1,520	(1,840)	10.5	(12.5)
Mason	9,240	(9,230)	8,010	(7,960)	1,230	(1,270)	13.3	(13.8)
Mercer	26,350	(25,970)	24,280	(24,020)	2,070	(1,950)	7.9	(7.5)
Mineral	10,580	(10,390)	9,870	(9,730)	700	(670)	6.6	(6.4)
Mingo	11,600	(11,450)	10,700	(10,560)	910	(880)	7.8	(7.7)
Monongalia	41,080	(40,490)	39,350	(38,720)	1,730	(1,760)	4.2	(4.4)
Monroe	5,050	(5,040)	4,690	(4,680)	370	(360)	7.3	(7.1)
Morgan	5,180	(5,140)	4,750	(4,730)	440	(410)	8.4	(7.9)
Nicholas	8,840	(8,760)	7,580	(7,540)	1,260	(1,220)	14.3	(14.0)
Ohio	23,250	(23,220)	21,880	(21,770)	1,370	(1,450)	5.9	(6.3)
Pendleton	3,870	(3,870)	3,680	(3,660)	190	(210)	5.0	(5.5)
Pleasants	2,130	(2,150)	1,850	(1,850)	280	(290)	13.0	(13.7)
Pocahontas	4,940	(5,020)	4,530	(4,650)	410	(370)	8.3	(7.4)
Preston	13,430	(13,070)	12,260	(12,060)	1,170	(1,010)	8.7	(7.7)
Putnam	16,820	(16,580)	15,260	(15,100)	1,560	(1,480)	9.3	(8.9)
Raleigh	28,100	(27,870)	25,420	(25,340)	2,680	(2,540)	9.5	(9.1)
Randolph	11,740	(11,720)	10,560	(10,520)	1,180	(1,200)	10.0	(10.3)
Ritchie	5,150	(5,180)	4,640	(4,660)	520	(520)	10.0	(10.1)
Roane	4,930	(4,990)	4,070	(4,120)	860	(870)	17.5	(17.5)
Summers	4,120	(4,150)	3,570	(3,580)	540	(570)	13.2	(13.7)
Taylor	5,830	(5,810)	5,280	(5,240)	550	(570)	9.4	(9.8)
Tucker	4,030	(4,000)	3,640	(3,670)	380	(330)	9.5	(8.1)
Tyler	4,650	(4,640)	4,320	(4,290)	330	(350)	7.1	(7.4)
Upshur	8,210	(8,110)	7,170	(7,100)	1,040	(1,010)	12.7	(12.4)
Wayne	15,850	(15,730)	14,320	(14,210)	1,530	(1,530)	9.7	(9.7)
Webster	2,890	(2,850)	2,490	(2,470)	400	(380)	14.0	(13.2)
Wetzel	9,220	(9,230)	8,450	(8,390)	770	(850)	8.4	(9.2)
Wirt	1,990	(2,010)	1,750	(1,760)	240	(250)	12.0	(12.4)
Wood	40,550	(40,380)	37,450	(37,450)	3,100	(2,940)	7.6	(7.3)
Wyoming	6,570	(6,510)	5,830	(5,780)	740	(730)	11.2	(11.2)
Statewide	735,200	(729,600)	670,400	(665,200)	64,800	(64,400)	8.8	(8.8)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.

The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

March 1992

(Revised February 1992 in parentheses)

Approved by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to Allocate Federal Funds
and Determine Eligibility for Federal Assistance Programs

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,790	(4,910)	3,630	(3,670)	1,160	(1,240)	24.3	(25.3)
Berkeley	31,570	(31,950)	28,000	(27,990)	3,570	(3,960)	11.3	(12.4)
Boone	9,030	(9,110)	7,610	(7,660)	1,420	(1,450)	15.7	(15.9)
Braxton	5,740	(5,770)	4,400	(4,360)	1,330	(1,410)	23.2	(24.5)
Brooke	10,340	(10,000)	9,010	(8,880)	1,340	(1,120)	12.9	(11.2)
Cabell	45,460	(45,680)	40,500	(40,350)	4,960	(5,330)	10.9	(11.7)
Calhoun	3,150	(3,260)	2,310	(2,330)	830	(930)	26.5	(28.4)
Clay	3,480	(3,450)	2,670	(2,700)	800	(760)	23.1	(21.9)
Doddridge	2,600	(2,530)	2,230	(2,220)	370	(300)	14.3	(12.0)
Fayette	18,450	(18,380)	15,500	(15,350)	2,960	(3,030)	16.0	(16.5)
Gilmer	3,150	(3,140)	2,690	(2,620)	460	(520)	14.5	(16.4)
Grant	4,890	(4,980)	4,250	(4,240)	640	(730)	13.0	(14.7)
Greenbrier	16,120	(16,340)	13,500	(13,540)	2,620	(2,800)	16.3	(17.1)
Hampshire	7,370	(7,450)	6,110	(6,140)	1,260	(1,310)	17.1	(17.6)
Hancock	13,560	(13,420)	12,060	(11,890)	1,500	(1,530)	11.0	(11.4)
Hardy	5,880	(5,960)	5,390	(5,390)	490	(570)	8.4	(9.5)
Harrison	31,430	(31,360)	27,350	(27,250)	4,080	(4,110)	13.0	(13.1)
Jackson	10,570	(10,300)	8,600	(8,440)	1,970	(1,860)	18.6	(18.1)
Jefferson	18,720	(18,630)	15,990	(15,740)	2,730	(2,890)	14.6	(15.5)
Kanawha	101,910	(101,560)	92,300	(91,740)	9,620	(9,820)	9.4	(9.7)
Lewis	7,850	(7,960)	6,560	(6,600)	1,290	(1,360)	16.5	(17.0)
Lincoln	8,220	(8,380)	6,760	(6,800)	1,460	(1,580)	17.8	(18.8)
Logan	13,810	(14,000)	11,860	(11,870)	1,950	(2,120)	14.1	(15.2)
McDowell	7,060	(7,230)	5,750	(5,750)	1,310	(1,480)	18.5	(20.4)
Marion	23,890	(23,840)	20,040	(19,830)	3,850	(4,010)	16.1	(16.8)
Marshall	15,470	(16,090)	13,100	(13,100)	2,370	(2,990)	15.3	(18.6)
Mason	10,050	(10,180)	8,130	(8,110)	1,910	(2,070)	19.1	(20.3)
Mercer	27,850	(27,650)	24,630	(24,480)	3,220	(3,160)	11.6	(11.4)
Mineral	11,110	(11,000)	10,020	(9,910)	1,090	(1,080)	9.8	(9.8)
Mingo	12,260	(12,200)	10,850	(10,770)	1,410	(1,430)	11.5	(11.7)
Monongalia	42,620	(42,330)	39,930	(39,460)	2,690	(2,870)	6.3	(6.8)
Monroe	5,330	(5,360)	4,760	(4,770)	570	(590)	10.8	(10.9)
Morgan	5,500	(5,480)	4,820	(4,820)	680	(660)	12.4	(12.1)
Nicholas	9,650	(9,660)	7,690	(7,680)	1,960	(1,990)	20.3	(20.5)
Ohio	24,330	(24,550)	22,200	(22,190)	2,130	(2,360)	8.8	(9.6)
Pendleton	4,030	(4,080)	3,730	(3,730)	300	(340)	7.4	(8.4)
Pleasants	2,310	(2,370)	1,880	(1,890)	430	(480)	18.7	(20.2)
Pocahontas	5,230	(5,340)	4,600	(4,740)	640	(610)	12.2	(11.3)
Preston	14,260	(13,940)	12,440	(12,290)	1,820	(1,640)	12.8	(11.8)
Putnam	17,910	(17,790)	15,480	(15,390)	2,430	(2,400)	13.6	(13.5)
Raleigh	29,960	(29,940)	25,800	(25,820)	4,170	(4,120)	13.9	(13.8)
Randolph	12,550	(12,670)	10,720	(10,720)	1,830	(1,950)	14.6	(15.4)
Ritchie	5,510	(5,600)	4,710	(4,750)	800	(850)	14.6	(15.2)
Roane	5,470	(5,610)	4,130	(4,200)	1,350	(1,420)	24.6	(25.2)
Summers	4,470	(4,570)	3,630	(3,650)	840	(930)	18.9	(20.2)
Taylor	6,210	(6,260)	5,360	(5,340)	850	(920)	13.7	(14.7)
Tucker	4,300	(4,270)	3,700	(3,740)	600	(530)	13.9	(12.4)
Tyler	4,900	(4,930)	4,380	(4,370)	520	(560)	10.5	(11.4)
Upshur	8,900	(8,870)	7,280	(7,240)	1,620	(1,640)	18.2	(18.4)
Wayne	16,920	(16,950)	14,530	(14,480)	2,390	(2,480)	14.1	(14.6)
Webster	3,150	(3,130)	2,520	(2,520)	630	(610)	20.0	(19.5)
Wetzel	9,770	(9,920)	8,570	(8,550)	1,200	(1,370)	12.3	(13.8)
Wirt	2,150	(2,200)	1,780	(1,790)	370	(410)	17.3	(18.4)
Wood	42,820	(42,930)	38,000	(38,160)	4,820	(4,770)	11.3	(11.1)
Wyoming	7,060	(7,070)	5,920	(5,890)	1,150	(1,190)	16.2	(16.8)
Statewide	781,000	(782,500)	680,300	(677,900)	100,800	(104,600)	12.9	(13.4)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.

Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

Partnership for Progress Area Unemployment Rates

WV Series / BLS Series March 1992



The statewide number of unemployed grew marginally during March 1992 and similarly, the number of jobs expanded modestly thereby sustaining a mixed reaction in the West Virginia Series unemployment rates for the Partnership for Progress Areas. As many areas posted increases in their rates as did the number posting decreases for the month. Only Area 3 went unchanged, maintaining its unemployment rate of 9.4 percent. Area 6 again recorded the highest rate (10.1), although this was a decline of two-tenths from the previous month. Area 7 supplied the lowest rate (7.4). Of the areas registering gains in March, only Area 8 advanced more than one-tenth (+0.2). Significant contractions in the unemployment rate occurred in Area 9 (-0.3) and Area 1 (-0.4).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data (In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)				BLS Series Labor Force Data (In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
	Prelim. Mar. '92	Revised Feb. '92	Revised Mar. '91		Prelim. Mar. '92	Revised Feb. '92	Revised Mar. '91
Charleston MSA				Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	114.0	112.6	113.2	Labor Force	119.8	119.3	119.0
Employment	106.2	105.1	106.5	Employment	107.8	107.1	109.5
Unemployment	7.7	7.5	6.7	Unemployment	12.0	12.2	9.5
Rate (%)	6.8	6.7	5.9	Rate (%)	10.1	10.2	8.0
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA				Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	126.5	126.2	126.5	Labor Force	132.6	133.4	132.5
Employment	117.8	117.1	118.0	Employment	118.3	117.3	119.4
Unemployment	8.7	9.2	8.4	Unemployment	14.3	16.1	13.2
Rate (%)	6.9	7.3	6.7	Rate (%)	10.8	12.1	9.9
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA				Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	69.2	69.1	68.5	Labor Force	74.1	74.0	72.5
Employment	64.3	64.4	64.1	Employment	66.1	66.1	65.9
Unemployment	4.8	4.7	4.4	Unemployment	7.9	7.9	6.6
Rate (%)	7.0	6.9	6.4	Rate (%)	10.7	10.7	9.1
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA				Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	67.1	67.5	67.7	Labor Force	71.9	72.7	71.7
Employment	62.4	62.2	63.2	Employment	64.3	63.9	65.0
Unemployment	4.7	5.3	4.4	Unemployment	7.7	8.8	6.6
Rate (%)	6.9	7.8	6.6	Rate (%)	10.7	12.1	9.3
Clarksburg LMA				Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	37.8	37.5	36.6	Labor Force	40.2	40.2	38.8
Employment	34.4	34.2	33.6	Employment	34.9	34.8	34.6
Unemployment	3.4	3.3	3.0	Unemployment	5.3	5.3	4.2
Rate (%)	9.0	8.8	8.1	Rate (%)	13.2	13.3	10.8
Gauley LMA				Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.7	11.6	11.2	Labor Force	12.8	12.8	12.0
Employment	10.1	10.0	9.9	Employment	10.2	10.2	10.2
Unemployment	1.7	1.6	1.3	Unemployment	2.6	2.6	1.9
Rate (%)	14.2	13.8	11.8	Rate (%)	20.2	20.3	15.6
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA				Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	54.5	53.6	52.1	Labor Force	56.9	56.3	54.6
Employment	51.6	50.8	49.5	Employment	52.4	51.8	50.9
Unemployment	2.9	2.8	2.6	Unemployment	4.5	4.5	3.6
Rate (%)	5.3	5.2	4.9	Rate (%)	7.9	8.0	6.7
New Martinsville LMA				New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	13.9	13.9	14.1	Labor Force	14.7	14.9	14.9
Employment	12.8	12.7	12.9	Employment	13.0	12.9	13.2
Unemployment	1.1	1.2	1.2	Unemployment	1.7	1.9	1.7
Rate (%)	7.9	8.6	8.5	Rate (%)	11.7	13.0	11.4
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA				Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.0	20.1	20.4	Labor Force	21.4	21.7	21.7
Employment	18.0	18.0	18.4	Employment	18.3	18.3	18.9
Unemployment	2.1	2.1	2.0	Unemployment	3.2	3.4	2.8
Rate (%)	10.2	10.4	9.7	Rate (%)	14.9	15.6	13.0

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 800 jobs during March 1992 in the Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area. The local goods-producing sector remained essentially unchanged over the month (+100), with only a slight increase noted in mining (+100). The service-producing sector advanced seasonally by 700, particularly in trade (+400) and services (+200). Total government increased by 100 jobs, while both finance, insurance and real estate and transportation, communication and public utilities were unchanged over the month. Comparison with year-ago March 1991 reveals a total increase of 600 jobs locally. In the goods-producing sector, the number

of jobs fell by 300, particularly in mining (-200) and construction (-100). On the service-producing side, the job count rose by 900, resulting from the yearly advance in total services (+1,300). Other industries in the service-producing sector either declined or remained unchanged.

Unemployment: The number of resident unemployed increased slightly (+200) during March 1992 in the Charleston MSA. The corresponding unemployment rate advanced slightly to 6.8 percent of the civilian labor force. In the year-ago comparison, total unemployment rose by 1,000 in the MSA, with the unemployment rate increasing from 5.9 percent to the current 6.8 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	Revised Feb. '92	Revised Mar. '91
Labor Force	114.0	112.6	113.2
Employment	106.2	105.1	106.5
Unemployment	7.7	7.5	6.7
Rate (%)	6.8	6.7	5.9

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	Revised Feb. '92	Revised Mar. '91
Labor Force	119.8	119.3	119.0
Employment	107.8	107.1	109.5
Unemployment	12.0	12.2	9.5
Rate (%)	10.1	10.2	8.0

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Mar. '92	Revised Feb. '92	Revised Mar. '91	Change From:	
				Feb. 1992	Mar. 1991
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	110.9	110.1	110.3	0.8	0.6
PRIVATE SECTOR	91.2	90.5	90.6	0.7	0.6
GOODS-PRODUCING	16.8	16.7	17.1	0.1	-0.3
Mining	2.2	2.1	2.4	0.1	-0.2
Construction	4.1	4.1	4.2	0.0	-0.1
Manufacturing	10.5	10.5	10.5	0.0	0.0
Durable Goods	1.9	1.8	1.7	0.1	0.2
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.7	8.8	-0.1	-0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.2	7.3	7.3	-0.1	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	-0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	94.1	93.4	93.2	0.7	0.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.6	8.6	8.7	0.0	-0.1
Trade	27.9	27.5	28.0	0.4	-0.1
Wholesale Trade	7.1	7.1	7.3	0.0	-0.2
Retail Trade	20.8	20.4	20.7	0.4	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.4	6.4	6.6	0.0	-0.2
Services	31.5	31.3	30.2	0.2	1.3
Health Services	11.7	11.6	11.3	0.1	0.4
Government	19.7	19.6	19.7	0.1	0.0
Federal	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	0.2
State	9.1	9.0	9.2	0.1	-0.1
Local	8.5	8.5	8.6	0.0	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	-0.3

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. '92	Feb. '92	Mar. '91	Mar. '92	Feb. '92	Mar. '91	Mar. '92	Feb. '92	Mar. '91
Manufacturing	\$638.02	\$630.87	\$597.48	43.7	42.8	43.9	\$14.60	\$14.74	\$13.61
Nondurable Goods	670.46	671.67	634.74	43.2	42.7	44.7	15.52	15.73	14.20
Chemicals & Allied Products	779.09	786.84	722.92	46.1	45.8	46.7	16.90	17.18	15.48

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment advanced by 500 in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA during March 1992. The goods-producing sector grew by 300, while the service-producing industries gained 200 jobs. Construction increased by 200, while manufacturing added another 100 to account for the 300 job increase in the goods-producing sector. In the service-producing industries, trade grew by 100, as wholesale trade advanced (+100). Government added 100 jobs over the month. Declines offset advances throughout the rest of the service-producing industries resulting

in an overall increase of 200 jobs. Comparison with year-ago March 1991 indicates a 200 job increase over the 12 month period. The goods-producing sector declined by 200 while service-producing industries advanced by 400 jobs. The largest advance occurred in total services (+1,200).

Unemployment: Unemployment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA decreased by 500 during March 1992, to a level of 8,700 jobless. The corresponding unemployment rate declined to 6.9 percent of the civilian labor force. The number of unemployed increased by 300 over the year.

WV Series Labor Force Data (In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	Revised Feb. '92	Revised Mar. '91
Labor Force	126.5	126.2	126.5
Employment	117.8	117.1	118.0
Unemployment	8.7	9.2	8.4
Rate (%)	6.9	7.3	6.7

BLS Series Labor Force Data (In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	Revised Feb. '92	Revised Mar. '91
Labor Force	132.6	133.4	132.5
Employment	118.3	117.3	119.4
Unemployment	14.3	16.1	13.2
Rate (%)	10.8	12.1	9.9

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Mar. '92	Revised Feb. '92	Revised Mar. '91	Change From:	
				Feb. 1992	Mar. 1991
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	109.9	109.4	109.7	0.5	0.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	90.0	89.6	89.7	0.4	0.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	25.5	25.2	25.7	0.3	-0.2
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Construction	4.3	4.1	4.3	0.2	0.0
Manufacturing	19.6	19.5	19.8	0.1	-0.2
Durable Goods	11.2	11.2	11.6	0.0	-0.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.4	1.4	-0.1	-0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.2	7.2	7.4	0.0	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.7	2.6	2.8	0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.3	8.2	0.1	0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.4	4.3	4.2	0.1	0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	84.4	84.2	84.0	0.2	0.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.2	7.1	8.0	0.1	-0.8
Trade	27.3	27.2	27.2	0.1	0.1
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.3	5.4	0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	21.9	21.9	21.8	0.0	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.8	3.8	3.8	0.0	0.0
Services	26.2	26.3	25.0	-0.1	1.2
Health Services	11.0	11.1	10.5	-0.1	0.5
Government	19.9	19.8	20.0	0.1	-0.1
Federal	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
State	5.1	5.1	5.2	0.0	-0.1
Local	11.8	11.7	11.9	0.1	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. '92	Feb. '92	Mar. '91	Mar. '92	Feb. '92	Mar. '91	Mar. '92	Feb. '92	Mar. '91
Manufacturing	\$554.60	\$558.49	\$516.36	40.9	41.4	39.0	\$13.56	\$13.49	\$13.24
Durable Goods	574.63	580.97	525.86	40.1	41.0	38.3	14.33	14.17	13.73
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	466.49	552.32	545.31	38.3	43.8	43.8	12.18	12.61	12.45
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	652.72	647.74	551.25	41.0	41.1	36.1	15.92	15.76	15.27
Nondurable Goods	526.66	525.01	504.11	42.2	41.9	40.2	12.48	12.53	12.54

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment declined 200 during March 1992 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. The goods producing sector lost 300 jobs during the thirty day period with decreases occurring in construction (-100) and manufacturing (-200). Service producing employment inched forward with a gain of 100 jobs. Improvements were recorded in trade (+100) and services (+100) while finance, insurance and real estate posted a minor retreat (-100). Comparing current data with March 1991 indicates a gain of 500 in total nonfarm payroll employment. Goods producing employment lost 600 in the twelve month comparison. Losses were registered in construction (-200) and manufacturing

(-400). Service producing employment realized a gain of 1,100 during this same period. Advances were observed in transportation and public utilities (+100), trade (+300), services (+700), and government (+100). The lone contraction appeared in finance, insurance, and real estate (-100).

Unemployment: Total unemployment in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA expanded by 100 during March 1992. The unemployment rate mirrored this movement with an increase from 6.9 to 7.0 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to March 1991 the unemployment rate has increased from 6.4 to 7.0 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data (In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	Revised Feb. '92	Revised Mar. '91
Labor Force	69.2	69.1	68.5
Employment	64.3	64.4	64.1
Unemployment	4.8	4.7	4.4
Rate (%)	7.0	6.9	6.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data (In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	Revised Feb. '92	Revised Mar. '91
Labor Force	74.1	74.0	72.5
Employment	66.1	66.1	65.9
Unemployment	7.9	7.9	6.6
Rate (%)	10.7	10.7	9.1

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Mar. '92	Revised Feb. '92	Revised Mar. '91	Change From:	
				Feb. 1992	Mar. 1991
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	60.8	61.0	60.3	-0.2	0.5
PRIVATE SECTOR	50.7	50.9	50.3	-0.2	0.4
GOODS-PRODUCING	16.1	16.4	16.7	-0.3	-0.6
Mining	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.3	2.4	2.5	-0.1	-0.2
Manufacturing	13.4	13.6	13.8	-0.2	-0.4
Durable Goods	6.6	6.7	6.6	-0.1	0.0
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.0	-0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.8	2.8	2.7	0.0	0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.3	1.4	1.3	-0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	6.8	6.9	7.2	-0.1	-0.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.1	5.2	5.4	-0.1	-0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	44.7	44.6	43.6	0.1	1.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.0	0.1
Trade	14.6	14.5	14.3	0.1	0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	11.7	11.6	11.5	0.1	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.3	2.3	-0.1	-0.1
Services	15.2	15.1	14.5	0.1	0.7
Health Services	4.8	4.8	4.6	0.0	0.2
Government	10.1	10.1	10.0	0.0	0.1
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
State	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Local	7.1	7.1	7.0	0.0	0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. '92	Feb. '92	Mar. '91	Mar. '92	Feb. '92	Mar. '91	Mar. '92	Feb. '92	Mar. '91
Manufacturing	\$570.44	\$582.42	\$550.90	40.2	40.9	40.3	\$14.19	\$14.24	\$13.67
Durable Goods	462.40	479.41	464.44	37.2	38.2	38.1	12.43	12.55	12.19
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	560.05	583.88	560.65	42.3	44.1	42.7	13.24	13.24	13.13
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	439.77	472.97	455.95	32.6	34.1	35.1	13.49	13.87	12.99
Nondurable Goods	708.69	713.51	649.28	44.1	44.4	42.8	16.07	16.07	15.17

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 100 during March 1992 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area. This increase occurred in the service producing sector (+100) as the goods-producing sector remained stable for the month. Mining decreased by 100 while construction increased by 100 and manufacturing remained stable. Government also increased by 100 while TPU, trade, FIRE and services remained stable. Comparison with year-ago March 1991 figures indicates a decline of 400 jobs in nonfarm payroll. In the goods producing industries manufacturing fell by 300, while mining and construction each fell by 100. The service-producing sector increased by 100

jobs during the year. Services (+400), FIRE (+100) and TPU (+100) experienced increases which were offset in part by decreases in trade (-300) and government (-200). No labor-management disputes were recorded for March 1992.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment decreased by 600 during March 1992 in the MSA, with the corresponding unemployment rate decreasing to 6.9 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data indicates an increase of 300 unemployed over the year with the unemployment rate advancing from 6.6 percent to the current 6.9 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	Revised Feb. '92	Revised Mar. '91
Labor Force	67.1	67.5	67.7
Employment	62.4	62.2	63.2
Unemployment	4.7	5.3	4.4
Rate (%)	6.9	7.8	6.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	Revised Feb. '92	Revised Mar. '91
Labor Force	71.9	72.7	71.7
Employment	64.3	63.9	65.0
Unemployment	7.7	8.8	6.6
Rate (%)	10.7	12.1	9.3

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Mar. '92	Revised Feb. '92	Revised Mar. '91	Change From:	
				Feb. 1992	Mar. 1991
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	58.4	58.3	58.8	0.1	-0.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	49.3	49.3	49.5	0.0	-0.2
GOODS-PRODUCING	10.2	10.2	10.7	0.0	-0.5
Mining	1.9	2.0	2.0	-0.1	-0.1
Construction	1.4	1.3	1.5	0.1	-0.1
Manufacturing	6.9	6.9	7.2	0.0	-0.3
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	2.8	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.2	4.2	4.4	0.0	-0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	48.2	48.1	48.1	0.1	0.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.1
Trade	14.8	14.8	15.1	0.0	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	12.1	12.1	12.4	0.0	-0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
Services	17.8	17.8	17.4	0.0	0.4
Health Services	7.9	7.9	7.8	0.0	0.1
Government	9.1	9.0	9.3	0.1	-0.2
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.9	1.8	1.9	0.1	0.0
Local	6.5	6.5	6.7	0.0	-0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. '92	Feb. '92	Mar. '91	Mar. '92	Feb. '92	Mar. '91	Mar. '92	Feb. '92	Mar. '91
Manufacturing	\$560.40	\$537.73	\$588.07	40.0	38.3	42.8	\$14.01	\$14.04	\$13.74
Nondurable Goods	631.53	594.69	606.32	42.7	40.9	41.7	14.79	14.54	14.54
Durable Goods	472.14	471.61	565.32	36.6	35.3	44.2	12.90	13.36	12.79

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices



Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date	Active File	NONFARM JOB OPENINGS				Applicant / Openings Program Year to Date	Active File / Unfilled Openings End of Month
			Received Program Year to Date	Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total		
TOTAL	167,268	78,997	29,933	2,740	1,261	21,387	5.6	28.8
Professional, Technical & Managerial	17,516	8,055	1,172	189	83	458	14.9	42.6
Clerical & Sales	44,263	18,315	7,096	782	375	4,377	6.2	23.4
Services	16,474	9,170	5,888	587	132	3,974	2.8	15.6
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,626	861	147	38	7	47	11.1	22.7
Processing	9,135	4,845	768	159	113	632	11.9	30.5
Machine Trades	11,465	5,916	1,064	137	76	637	10.8	43.2
Benchwork	6,763	3,372	750	119	46	458	9.0	28.3
Structural Work	29,110	15,878	1,776	199	89	650	16.4	79.8
Miscellaneous	34,240	15,054	11,272	530	340	9,754	3.0	28.4
Transportation	7,679	3,881	1,026	126	43	566	7.5	30.8
Packaging & Materials Handling	19,046	6,634	9,601	224	187	8,850	2.0	29.6
Other	7,515	4,539	645	180	110	338	11.7	25.2
Entry Total	20	1	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities



	Mar. 1992	Feb. 1992	Mar. 1991	Percent Change:	
				Feb. 1992	Mar. 1991
Initial Claims	8,100	9,228	7,464	-12.2	8.5
Weeks Claimed	131,515	115,669	119,044	13.7	10.5
Benefits Paid	\$17,258,881	\$14,871,385	\$15,475,166	16.1	11.5
Weeks Compensated	113,553	98,166	102,392	15.7	10.9
Average Weekly Payment	\$151.99	\$151.49	\$151.14	0.3	0.6
Trust Fund Balance, End of Month	\$119,610,882	\$135,233,969	\$115,747,198	-11.6	3.3

Select Workers' Compensation Claims Activities

	Mar. 1992	Feb. 1992	Mar. 1991	Percent Change:	
				Feb. 1992	Mar. 1991
Temporary Disability Benefits Paid	5,962,088	6,358,917	5,302,015	-6.2	12.4
Medical Benefits Paid	6,965,640	5,802,962	8,210,690	20.0	-15.2
Permanent Partial Disability Benefits Paid	4,568,633	3,214,682	3,860,978	42.1	18.3
Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	8,401,610	9,076,354	5,864,405	-7.4	43.3
Benefits to Dependents of Fatalities	1,917,426	1,565,388	1,476,461	22.5	29.9
Funeral Benefits Paid	37,667	3,500	7,000	976.2	438.1
Miscellaneous Benefits Paid*	126,345	222,450	87,837	-43.2	43.8
DWRF** Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	602,131	677,253	602,252	-11.1	0.0
DWRF** Benefits Paid to Dependents of Fatalities	987,090	978,949	978,021	0.8	0.9
Sum of All Benefits Paid	29,568,631	27,900,455	26,389,658	6.0	12.0

* Includes returned benefit checks, attorney fees and specified dependent benefits.

** Disabled Workers' Relief Fund provides benefits to meet the weekly minimum benefit payable for worker's injured prior to July 1, 1971.



Select Job Training Partnership Act Characteristics

*Performance Standard Report
July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991*

Job Training Program	Standard	Actual
Entered Employment Rate - Adults	68	68
Average Wage at Placements Adults	4.95	4.81
Cost Per Entered Employment Adults	4,500	2,284
Entered Employment Rate - Welfare Recipients	56	58
Entered Employment Rate - Youth (Out of School Programs)	45	53
Positive Termination Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	75	85
Cost Per Positive Termination - Youth	4,900	2,101
Employability Enhancement Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	33	52
Characteristics	Enrolled	Positive Outlook*
Adult	8,582	6,951
Female	5,406	4,379
Male	3,176	2,572
Youth	7,326	5,495
Female	3,882	2,912
Male	3,444	2,583
School Dropout	**	2,341
High School Graduate /Equivalent or above	**	6,355
Single Parent	**	2,777
Black	**	904
Hispanic	**	35
Handicapped	**	1,059
Unemployed	**	6,648
Welfare	**	2,841
Veterans	**	772

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